



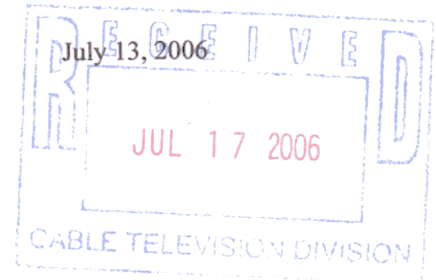
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Dear Director Matthews:

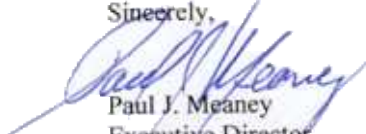
I am writing on behalf of the Woburn Business Association in support of Verizon's petition to the Department of Telecommunications (DTE) that would simply establish a shorter and more predictable timeline for the competitive cable franchise process. Our organization has many different types of businesses that are members and as a business association we are a strong believer in competition.

Many of our members are small business owners. The investment that Verizon is making in Massachusetts will have a significant impact on small business owners. To date, the telecommunications pipeline available to many companies has been too large and expensive or too small. Verizon's new video service, as well as its voice and internet services will be offered over the most advance fiber-optic network in the country. For the first time small businesses will be able to have an opportunity to purchase new technology at a reasonable price.

As a result of this investment and fiber optic technology we believe more jobs could be created, existing businesses will grow and Massachusetts would be a leader in technology.

Please record us in favor of CTV-06-1.

Sincerely,

  
**Paul J. Meaney**  
**Executive Director**

cc: **Janice Tartaka, Director of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation**  
**Chairwoman Judith Judson**  
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